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## Reflecting on Harvest-time

The lush greens of summer trees and fields are changing already, with hints of autumn on the way. The alternating mists and mizzles with warm sunshine have brought an abundance of glorious flowering and fruiting all around us in our dale and on the fells. Many visitors have shared the high summer in our newly-designated 'favourite village' and surroundings. As the schools go back and some visitors return to work, autumn will bring time to reflect on the season passed and the winter ahead.

When we're in the middle of hectic times, life can be so demanding that we simply haven't time to pause and reflect. Every day may be filled with tasks and interactions with people, in our work, at home and in our community. Summer is a time for being out of doors, when we encounter people from all over the world who are visiting. In our church services, we share the Lord's Prayer in many different languages, reflecting the worldwide church whose members are 'at home' wherever we worship. In our wedding services, we welcome families and friends from many parts of the country, who choose to celebrate their marriage in Grasmere and Rydal's beautiful churches and scenery, with welcoming hospitality.

The new term brings an opportunity to reflect on the summer season and to look forward to the new school year. We welcome children starting in Reception and those families who have moved to the area. We send our senior children to high school and students to college, and support them with encouragement and our prayers. We look forward to getting to know new people working here or retiring into the area, as well as to having autumn time to renew old friendships, as the busy summer in the fields and in the tourist industry lifts a little.

September and early October bring our harvest times, with harvest festivals on the first two Sundays in October at Grasmere and Rydal respectively. Harvest time is an opportunity to give thanks for the bounty of the natural world and all who grow and farm our food. Harvest thanksgiving is a time to remember those who do not have enough food both near and far, and to recall our responsibilities to care for the earth, home not only for people but plants and livestock. As we prepare in September for harvest, may we find our hearts thankful once more, for the beauty and bounty around us and for

the hard-working people who provide our food and manage the land responsibly. May that sense of thanksgiving inspire us to remember the Lord of the Harvest, who gathers us all in the great harvest of loving hearts and lives.

May God be with you and bless you.

*Gill*

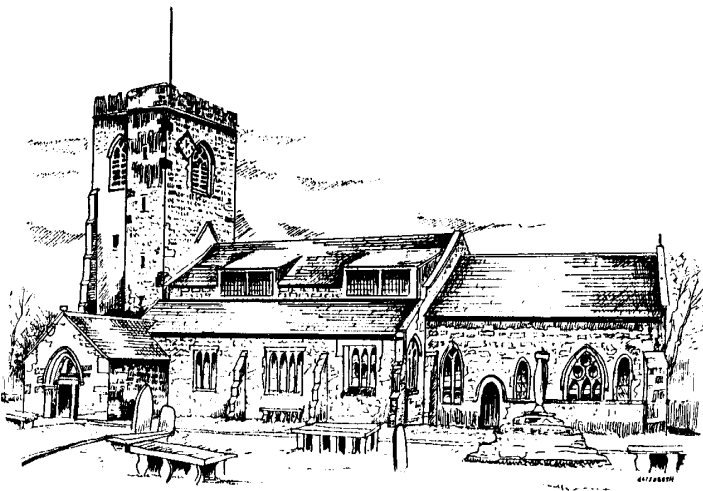
## **A glimpse of Ribchester with Stydd**

The CTIG pilgrimage this year will be a visit to Ribchester on Thursday, 21st September, leaving by coach from the Swan Hotel Car Park at 9.00.

Ribchester lies on the River Ribble at the lowest fording point in Roman times. A cavalry fort was built by the river, on the route between Carlisle and Manchester avoiding the marshy Fylde and wide Ribble estuary further west. Ribchester lies ten miles east of Preston and has a fascinating history, geography and social past – and a very lively present. Surrounded by the gentle rolling hills of Longridge (north) and Pendle to the east, the village is thought to have had continuous occupation not only since the Romans but since the Iron Age and earlier.

The early mediaeval settlement that rooted within the abandoned fort is being excavated by UCLan (the University of Central Lancashire) each summer for a month, with local and international students and staff. The north gate of the stone fort has been uncovered once again, below layers of mediaeval craft activities. It is thought that the grade I listed parish church was built on top of former early wooden church(es), over the most powerful building on the Roman site. St Wilfrid's Church dates to within 100 years of the Norman conquest when many northern churches and settlements had been razed. It has thrived ever since and this summer has undergone replacement of the north nave roof. St Wilfrid's will have just reopened for worship and visitors when we arrive.

Inside is a Tudor roof in the nave and the original C14th crown post roof in the Lady Chapel (now known as the Dutton Quire), a rare survival in old churches always at risk from fire due to candles. The churchyard is also grade I listed with interesting monuments, and there is a further grade I



church (c.1150) a mile away in the parish, St Saviour's at Stydd. This is the chapel of a former Knights' Hospitaller monastic settlement and has never been modernised. Without electricity, mains water or pews, St Saviour's is a much-loved place of peace and simple tranquillity, in fields by a manor farm. There is a guided trail between the two churches for walkers (on pavements and the farm track) and Stydd can be accessed by one or two cars for those who find walking difficult. Nearby in Stydd is a C18th Roman Catholic 'barn church' which is usually open.

After the mediaeval era and the Norman stone church building programme, Ribchester thrived and became a hand loom weavers' village. The weavers' cottages are undisturbed and line the Roman street plan to this day. The whole of Ribchester is protected by Historic England and is being documented with its rich heritage. The coming of the industrial revolution to Lancashire mechanized weaving, so that the village was left behind in terms of development whilst nearby towns grew. Ribchester is an unusual survival of pre-industrial village life, though in living memory there were three mills on the outskirts. Today, Ribchester is a centre for music and the arts, with an annual festival involving locals and many visitors. There is a gallery of Geoff Rollinson's wildlife and landscape paintings and plenty of places to relax.

We hope on our visit to meet some of the local people who offer hospitality to visitors and have a wealth of stories about the village and its characters. There are several places for lunch and tea, with benches to rest by the river, gentle walks and a recreation ground. Ribchester is well-known for the warmth of a Lancashire welcome.

To book a seat please contact John Rickman by phone:- 015394 35603 or email: rickmanbenfield@hotmail.co.uk. The cost is £15 per person payable by 12th September.

*Gill Henwood*

### **Grasmere Parish Magazine Review**

We are thinking about the production of our well-loved parish magazine, which is circulated to everyone in Grasmere without subscription charge and supported by our local advertisers. The collection of material and production is quite a task, for a monthly community magazine with a wide range of valued contributors. There's so much going on in our village and surrounding community that sometimes it's hard to keep up! Sharing the gathering of material and advertising could be a great way forward to make sure everyone's in contact and information is circulated round the village.

We would like to explore broadening the team involved in the parish magazine, which is provided by members of St Oswald's Church and subsidized by St Oswald's PCC (parochial church council). Roles that could be shared and developed further are: liaising with our many advertisers; liaising with our diverse contributors; and taking on 'correspondent' roles for particular organizations, so that information comes in by the monthly deadline.

If you're interested in being part of a team producing our community magazine, we'd be delighted to hear from you and discuss how you might contribute. Please get in touch with Gill (the new priest) via the contact details inside the back page, or via the editors.

*Gill Henwood*

## WI NEWS

The WI has nominated Church Warden and WI committee member Sonia Rickman for Cumbria's "Woman of the Year". Despite serious health issues, Sonia has worked incessantly throughout the last two years to ensure the smooth running of the parish in the absence of a permanent Rector. Our village has benefitted enormously from Sonia's selfless dedication and community spirit. She deserves this recognition. Good luck!

July's Garden party at the Rectory was a great success. On a sunny day, several members and guests did the Riverside walk before inspecting the bearings on display in Church. Jill Morrison provided a brain-teasing quiz, to challenge everyone as they tucked into a magnificent afternoon tea on a most enjoyable afternoon.

Five Grasmere members joined other WIs for a strawberry tea at the Villa, followed by a fascinating talk from food historian Ivan Day. Ivan brought ancient kitchen items used in Cumbria where oats grew more readily than wheat, and described traditional methods of cooking local produce.

August's speaker was Grasmere resident Melissa Harwood who is a highly respected teacher of Eurythmy, described as "an expressive movement art originated by Rudolf Steiner". Melissa spent 4 years learning how to teach Eurythmy, and is now in demand all around the world for her skills. Last year she was invited to run courses in China, so we felt very privileged to have her showing us some of the moves and explaining the philosophy behind Eurythmy. After early struggles, by the end of the session the whole group was moving in harmony to poetry. This was a delightful meeting, thoroughly enjoyed by all. Lin Allen gave a vote of thanks, and everyone expressed the hope that we might look forward to more Eurythmy with Melissa in the future. Joan Lago and Brenda Elliott provided a splendid tea, and the raffle was won by Ann Truelove.

To avoid clashing with the Westmorland County Show (14th), the September meeting will take place on 7th at 2pm in the Tithe Barn. Speaker Heather Slater will talk about life as a western woman living and working in Saudi Arabia. Visitors and non-members are welcome, £3 including tea and raffle.

*Myra McCraith*



## **Knit and Nat**

Our September meetings will be on Friday 8th and Tuesday 26th in the Reading Room from 2pm until 4pm. As usual we welcome anyone, any age, to join us for the afternoon or any part of it. There is always a cup of tea or coffee, usually biscuits and plenty of chat.

We are intending to deliver our knitting for the babies to Barrow hospital by the beginning of November; they will then have fresh supplies for when they move into the new baby unit that will hopefully be open by Christmas. If any knitters have contributions we would be happy to receive them either at one of our meetings or we could collect them from your home.

I have recently been delighted to read an article on health improvement, where it recommended taking up knitting as a way to lower stress levels thus removing a known risk factor for heart disease. While sharing this important information at knitting we enjoyed a story from one of our group. She, along with other members of her family, wears a 'Fitbit' type gadget which records the amount of steps she takes each day before sending the information to her phone which then shares it with her family (very technical). One day her granddaughter contacted her to praise the 3,000 steps she had walked that day. She was most surprised as, that day, only a minimal amount of walking had been done and all of it in the house because it had been a particularly wet day and she had spent the day knitting a scarf for the shoeboxes! Further proof, if any is needed, of the health benefits of knitting.

*Christine Batey*

## **Grasmere Fellowship**

Next season's plans are now in place and we look forward to a successful season. More details next month, but this is just an early reminder that the opening service will take place on October 5th at 2.30.

Subscriptions remain at £10 and may be paid then.

*David Dodgson*



## News from the Methodist Circuit

There was a very large number who crowded into the Wesley Room in Ambleside Parish Centre to say farewell to the Revd Les and Mrs Gillian Hann on Saturday 8th July, bringing to an end four years of part-time ministry. After a short service in which the Methodist District Chair, the Revd Richard Teal, presentations were made to both Les and Gill. It was obvious how much the ministry and pastoral care of Les has been appreciated and the affection in which he has come to be held, a ministry that has gone beyond the Methodist churches.

Les is still not retiring! He is taking over pastoral oversight of the Methodist churches in Storth and Levens, and will continue to give a District-wide lead on rural ministry. Les and Gill will continue to live in Kendal.

On Sunday September 3rd we shall be welcoming Deacon Maggie Patchett at a service in St Mary's Parish Church, Ambleside at 6.00pm, followed by a time of refreshment in the Wesley Room to which all are welcome. Once again the preacher will be the Revd Richard Teal.

Maggie is coming to live in the Windermere Manse and will work in the Circuit full-time. Her appointment for five years has two elements. 40% of her time will be in pastoral care linked to the Methodist churches in Ambleside, Windermere and Hawkshead, and maintain the link with St Oswald's. 60% of her time will be in a new initiative creating and developing an ecumenical chaplaincy ministry to the tourism industry that forms a central part of the communities in the north of our Circuit. *John Biggs*

## Grasmere School News

We have no children in August... It's very quiet, and we're all preparing for a new year. It's a time to go back to the basics of why we do what we do, in the way that we do it. So I thought I'd share our school vision with you all. Hopefully it's implicit in everything we do.

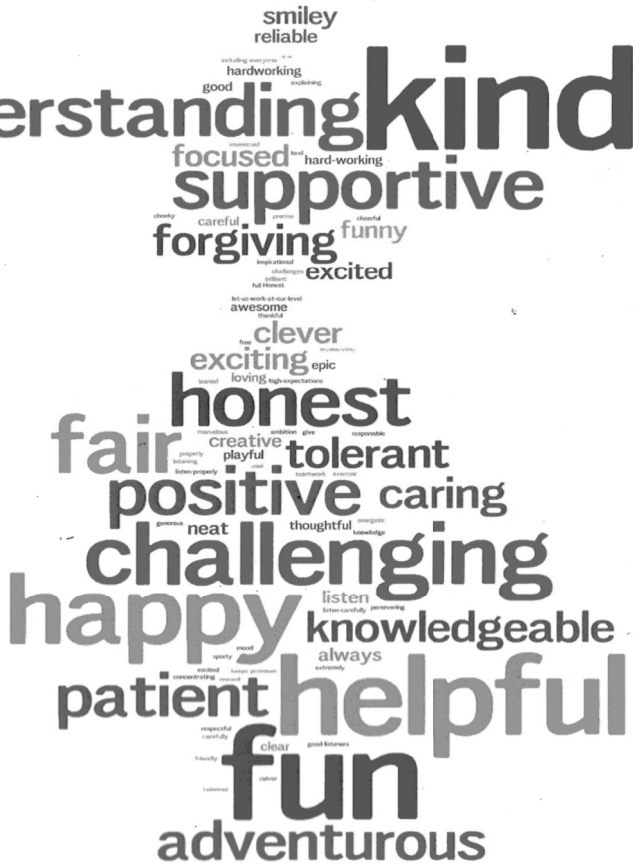
**Our Vision.** We aim to

- support each other's growth in a spirit of loving responsibility
- ask wonderful questions and discover our own interests and potential
- have strategies for responding positively, honourably, courageously and creatively to all the challenges we will face in life.

How is this embodied in school? We asked what the children need from the adults around them, and then made a ‘doodle’ which equates number of repeated words with size of font. This is up in the office, to inspire us every day.

*Jo Goode Head Teacher*

**We want our adults to be:**



## September Events at the Wordsworth Trust

As we come to the end of the busy summer season, September is a slightly quieter month for events at the Wordsworth Trust but there are still some great things coming up in the next few weeks.

We welcome The Poetry Business back to Grasmere on Saturday 2 September for the New Poets Prize Reading, a fantastic opportunity to hear some of the best new voices in contemporary poetry for free. Andrew McMillan, judge of the competition, and the four winners - Sarah Fletcher, Lizzi Hawkins, Stefan Kielbasiewicz and Alexander Shaw - will read a selection of their own work from 4.00pm. There will also be an open workshop for enthusiastic poets of all ages led by The Poetry Business from 1.30 – 3.30pm. Please get in touch if you would like to book a place.

On Wednesday 6 September Sally Hall will be doing her last Meet the Gardener session this year, do come along to find out more about the transition from summer to autumn in the garden.

Heritage Open Days is a national festival taking place from 7-9 September that encourages places across the country throw open their doors to celebrate their heritage, community and history. We will be opening up the Jerwood Centre for special behind-the-scenes tours of our award-winning library and archive centre - if you've always wondered just what is in the rotunda at the end of the lane now is your chance to find out! Tours will take place regularly on these days, just pop in to the shop and ask for one.

On Saturday 16 September we have two special events connected to our latest exhibition Dorothy's Colour. At 2.00pm the artists Sarah Corbett and Zoe Benbow will be leading a practical creative workshop responding to Dorothy Wordsworth's journal through writing and painting. At 6.00pm they will be joined by Polly Atkin for a conversation about their collaborative work and a special poetry reading.

Tuesday 26 September sees the final Wordsworth walk with the Lake District National Park for 2017. In the Footsteps of Wordsworth features a boat ride and a stroll along Ullswater, taking in Aira Force and Gowbarrow Park. It's been a very popular route so don't miss this opportunity to see it for yourself.

On Thursday 28 September we will celebrate National Poetry Day with one of our fabulous Pop up Poetry Cafes. There will be hot drinks, homemade cake,

books to browse and poems to share – please do drop in and join us at anytime between 2.00 and 4.30pm that afternoon.

Finally, our brand new Winter 2017-18 What's On guide will be available from Friday 1 September. We have a great programme of talks, workshops, reading groups and exhibitions coming up and we can't wait to start making tea and toast by the fire in Dove Cottage again!

As always, please visit our website or contact us on 015394 35544 for more information about any events or activities. We look forward to seeing you soon.

*Alice Carthy, Events Officer, Wordsworth Trust*

## **Ambleside and District Art Society Exhibition at Merzbarn, Elterwater**

AUGUST 20th to SEPTEMBER 10th

Artists from the Ambleside and District Art Society have been invited to exhibit their paintings from Aug 20 to Sept 10th at the Merzbarn at Elterwater. The exhibition will be open to the public daily from 11-4pm and entrance will be free. The paintings and any other artworks will be for sale.

It is the 70th anniversary of Kurt Schwitters creating the Merzbarn and appropriate that Ambleside and District Art Society should pay homage to the artist by offering an art exhibition of local artists.

The Merzbarn, situated in a glade in remote woodland in the Langdales, is a magical spot. The entrance is opposite the Langdale Hotel and Spa. There is limited parking at the Merzbarn site, but parking on Elterwater common is a short walk away. The bus stop is close by. The Wainwrights Inn and Brambles Café at Chapel Stile are less than half a mile away.

The Merzbarn was badly damaged by Storm Desmond in 2015 and the small charity, the Littoral Arts Trust, was dedicated to its restoration. A grant of £25,000 was provided from a Swiss gallery and allowed the Trust to carry out the necessary repairs. Other generous supporters include The Cumbria Community Foundation, University of Cumbria, Sir John Fisher Fund, Dulverton Trust and the Hadfield Trust. The work is ongoing.

*Jennifer Moffett*

## Grasmere Book Group – Summer 2017

Our July meeting dealt with a recently lauded novel, Sarah Perry's *The Essex Serpent* (2016). The group broadly warmed to Perry's tale of monsters, earthquakes, religion and science set between nineteenth-century Essex and London. The gothic tone of the book enticed us and most were immersed in a richly detailed, sensuous world brimming with well-drawn characters and ideas. Perry's use of history led to a broader discussion about how we imagine the past, and more particularly the world-views held in the past, with some having heard Hilary Mantel's Reith lectures on the same subject broadcast on Radio 4 in June.

There were also concrete concerns about Perry's details. One of our number was jarred by the surprising level of detail and slowed by the effect this had on their reading. The name-dropping of oranges bought from Harrods and early descriptions of the Underground as the Tube led to some investigation but Perry's research was immaculate. Taking further issue with the growing of blue dahlias from seed, we can only assume such fanciful ideas are permitted in the pages of fiction.

In August, the group met to discuss Jenn Ashworth's novel of Mormon life in the North-West, *The Friday Gospels* (2013). Set in 2010, with the explosion of Eyjafjallajökull as backdrop, the novel tells a day in the life of various members of a Mormon family between Chorley and Utah. Readers enjoyed the attention to detail, and the sense of realism mixed with humour and drama. Some were less convinced by the warm conclusion and worried for the ongoing life of the family.

Ashworth visited the village last year to talk about her recent novel *Fell*, and *The Friday Gospels* was partially chosen as a way of reading more of her work. All were pleased with the results and once again shown how eclectic the group's reading is.

For the September meeting, the group will be reading Kirsty Logan's drowned-world novel *The Gracekeepers* (2015). As in past months, we'll again be meeting in the Foyle Room at the Wordsworth Trust, on September 14th at 8pm. All are welcome.

*Will and Polly*

## **Church Tower Update**

Despite the inclement weather of July and August, work continues come wind or rain as the tower is well covered by its protective sheeting.

The tough cement render and pointing have all been removed and a more interesting, constructive phase is now beginning. The joints between the tower's stone are being washed out and then filled with packing stones and lime mortar. In some places, near the top of the tower, the first coat of render has been applied. The roof parapets have been repaired, gutters renewed and the tower roof re-slatted.

Some interesting discoveries have been made with the old render stripped away. A steeply inclined, deeply embedded line of slates bears witness to the original St Oswald's roof, dating back possibly to the 13th century when St Oswald's had just one aisle. Another line of stones, this time a horizontal one below the parapets, might indicate that the tower was once lower than it is now.

Three months after the scaffolders arrived and work commenced, it seems as if a corner has been turned. The indignity of demolition now over, the tower of St Oswald's Church is being reborn.

*Sonia Rickman Churchwarden*

## **On Yer Bike**

A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored me on my recent cycle challenge in Ireland. This was a 430 mile bike ride in aid of Marie Curie, commencing at Malin Head, the Northernmost point in Ireland, and finishing at Mizen Head, the Southernmost point.

I was one of a group of 30 (equally divided between English, Irish and Scots) and we enjoyed an exhilarating ride through beautiful countryside in a mixture of sun, wind and rain with frequent downpours of Guinness!

We completed the ride in seven days and I raised £3,110 in sponsorship with the group raising a total of £79,000. This will allow Marie Curie to provide over 3,950 hours of home nursing care to terminally ill patients.

I'm sure you'll agree that this is a great result. Thank you again.

*Nick McCraith*

# **Grasmere Village Society**

## **Improvements to the play areas in Broadgate**

The SLDC officers responsible for Parks and Open Spaces are working enthusiastically with GVS to upgrade the activity facilities in Broadgate meadow. We have been granted £20,000 for this Locally Important Project. When added to the £3,000 provided by GVS and the £2,000 locality funding contributed by the District and Lakes Parish councils this provides a good start. Much more will, however, be needed to pay for all the facilities which are needed if Broadgate meadow is to serve the needs of both young and old. At a recent site meeting run by Nick McCraith and Liz Harrison it was decided to begin with a Trim Trail, providing various items of outdoor fitness equipment which would be fun to use and encourage healthy activity for all ages from teenagers to ninety year olds.

We are now looking at all possible sources of funding and drawing up plans for future stages. We'd welcome any suggestions which you have for ways to make the best use of our wonderful park. It should not only improve the health and fitness of both young and old, it should also be an exciting, fun project.

You can contact Nick McCraith, Mary Bass or myself with ideas or offers of help or funding.

## **Current work**

Peter Coward acted swiftly when the notice board in the Cygnet shelter mysteriously disappeared, purchasing and installing a new one. If you're the guilty party do let us know why you nicked the old one and return it for use elsewhere.

Our litter picking equipment has deteriorated through energetic and productive use over the years and Stuart Fawthrop is anxious to continue to organise our good work tidying up our beautiful area. Don't forget to volunteer for the next work party and help to break in some sparkling new equipment.

## **The Channel 4 best village competition**

We were thrilled to learn that Grasmere had made it to the short list, although we realise there is some stiff competition. The TV crew visited to film us Tuesday, 8th August, on what many unfortunately think of as a typical Grasmere summer day. Those of us who live here know that the Monday and



Wednesday of that week were also typical Grasmere summer days: beautiful sunshine and blue, blue skies above the shining fells. My last sight of the enthusiastic and helpful young TV crew was of them rowing and filming determinedly into the drizzle towards the island, pursued by an irate swan.

We hope that October will bring us some good news. Vicky Hughes, who master-minded Grasmere's entry into the competition certainly deserves a reward. It should be worth watching then, even if it is to find out if the swan succeeded in catching the boat.

### **A plethora of activity**

Vicky Hughes, who, like Alan Riley, was voted onto the GTVS committee this year, has certainly shown herself full of ideas. She was behind the **Farmers' Market**, which has been so successful this summer and is supporting them in their proposal to hold a **Christmas Market** on 1st, 2nd and 3rd December. The Grasmere Business Partnership is hoping that this will be supported by all organisations and venues in the village.

There are plenty of events leading up to this.

From 14th to 17th September the **Roundabout theatre** will be presenting 4 festival days in Moss Parrock, the middle of Grasmere: 3 brand new plays and 1 unmissable event all in their fantastic enormous pop up theatre

In October we start on 12th in the Grasmere Hall with the **Antiquarian Booksellers Exhibition** for 3 days, in conjunction with the Wordsworth Trust and then on 15th the **Cumbria Sculptors and Printmakers** move into the Hall with their exhibition, again for 3 days

At the end of October the annual **Grasmere Youth Theatre** will take over the Hall for a week, culminating with a play on Friday.

### **Refurbishment and Heating of the Hall**

As soon as the Lake Artists move out of the Hall, on 11th September a grand refurbishment of the Hall begins. The energetic, enthusiastic and talented trustees are setting to work to solve a long standing problem: heating the Hall – and more!

Those of you who saw the plans for heating the Hall on our Open Evening in April will appreciate the hard work which will have to be undertaken in order to transform this into reality in the short period between the closing of the Lake Artists' Exhibition and the opening of the Antiquarian Booksellers'

Exhibition. A gas supply has to be connected and a gas boiler fitted. This involves considerable alterations to the basement and to delivery of the heat. The old radiators will disappear and the new equipment hidden away in the walls will help to keep the heat where it is most useful. The Fire Officer was most enthusiastic about these new arrangements all tucked away tidily.

But there is more being done. The storage areas under the Hall are being rationalised and the whole building organised so that everyone knows which areas are under the control of which bodies and who is responsible for maintenance and oversight.

In September a number of village tradesmen will be busily transforming their own village Hall, led by Paul Mosey, trustee and local plumber, Stephen Dodd, local painter and decorator, and Andrew Leech electrician and computer expert, helped and encouraged by the other trustees Nigel Prickett, Jeff Cowton and Vivienne Rees. An SLDC Locally Important Project grant of £20,000, local donations of £10,000 and £3,000 added to the Heat the Hall funds of £17,000 raised in earlier years have made this possible. But even more important has been the voluntary work done by professionals such as the trustees and others such as local builder Graham Magennis. I cannot express too strongly my admiration and thanks for their contribution to what will be a great asset for the community.

There is, of course more to be done in future but what a beginning!

## **Consultations**

Great changes are taking place in many aspects of life. There is a commitment to consultation with the community over changes but that only works if the people in the community respond. The publicity is often less good than it should be so do keep your eyes open. For instance the health service is changing considerably. Fewer visits to hospitals and fewer but better specialist hospitals plus an emphasis on prevention through help and advice being given nearer to home should be better than being stuck for ages in a hospital bed.

This depends on help being available near to home. There was very poor attendance at a recent meeting in Ambleside about Integrated Care Communities. It will be these which organise where the local help will be based. Jargon very often gets in the way. One encouraging sign is the amount of information now available at Ambleside Health Centre. Why not go along

sometime you are in Ambleside and pick up these leaflets and then take part in the consultations?

It is also encouraging to see the numbers of older people going to Ambleside Parish Centre on a Friday at 11.00 am to take a little Gentle Exercise. Let's hope our new Trim trail will encourage a lot of people to exercise in Grasmere itself.

### **Next meeting of GVS committee**

The committee next meets on Tuesday, **5th September**. Any suggestions or comments are always gratefully received.

*Vivienne Rees*

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## **Windermere Tools for Self-Reliance**



Please can you help? We urgently need **UNWANTED TOOLS!**

At **Windermere Tools for Self Reliance** we are renovating tools for re-use in Africa. At our Windermere workshop we repair donated tools so that they can be put to good use again by budding craftsmen in Ghana, Malawi, Zambia and war-torn Sierra Leone.

When you next turn out your shed or garage, please could you think about recycling tools by donating them to Tools for Self Reliance. With your help, start-up kits for carpenters, mechanics, metalworkers and blacksmiths can be sent out Africa and used to help men and women secure employment, support their families, and help build communities

Please contact us for more information or if you would like to donate tools. We will come and collect from you.

Thank you

*Richard Beskeen (Grasmere)*

*John Mullen (Windermere)*

# CALENDAR

September 2017

1 Fri	11:00	MerzBarn Elterwtr	Ambleside Art Society Exhibition - 10th
2 Sat	16:00	Jerwood Centre	The Poetry Business Prize Reading
3 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	<b>Parish Eucharist - St. Cuthbert</b>
3 Sun	18:00	St. Mary's, Ambles	Welcome Methodist Deacon Maggie
3 Sun	19:00	St. Mary's, Rydal	Taizé Service
5 Tue			GVS Committee
6 Wed	11:00	Dove Cott. Garden	Meet the Gardener
7 Thu	9:30	Jerwood Centre	Heritage Open Day
7 Thu	14:00	Tithe Barn	WI
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8 Fri	14:00	Reading Rooms	Knit & Nat
10 Sun	9:30	St. Mary's, Rydal	<b>Patronal Festival - with St. Oswalds</b>
10 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	No service
14 Thu		County Show	Westmorland County Show
14 Thu		Moss Parrock	Roundabout Theatre - 17th
14 Thu	10:00	Tithe Barn	Lakes Collectibles - to Sat 16th
14 Thu	20:00	Foyle Room	Book Group
16 Sat	14:00	Wordsworth	Dorothy's Colour
17 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	<b>Parish Eucharist - Trinity 14</b>
21 Thu	9:00	Swan Hotel Car Par	CTIG Pilgrimage to Ribchester
23 Sat	15:45	St. Oswald's	Marriage Blessing
24 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	<b>Parish Eucharist - Trinity 15</b>
26 Tue	9:40	Ullswater TIC	In the Footsteps of Wordsworth
26 Tue	14:00	Reading Rooms	Knit & Nat
28 Thu	14:00	Foyle Room	Nat. Poetry Day Pop-up Café
30 Sat	19:30	St. Oswald's	Pro Nobis Singers

## October 2017

1 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	<b>Harvest Festival</b>
1 Sun	16:00	St. Oswald's	Harvest Evensong
1 Sun	19:00	St. Mary's, Rydal	Taizé Service
5 Thu	14:30	St. Oswald's	Fellowship Opening Service
7 Sat	11:00	St. Oswald's	Wedding
8 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	<b>HC &amp; Baptism - Trinity 17</b>
8 Sun	13:00	Rydal Hall	Harvest Lunch - with St. Mary's Rydal
8 Sun	14:30	Kelsick Centre Amb	Silver Sunday Afternoon Tea

## ROTAS FOR ST.OSWALD'S CHURCH

	Sidesmen / women	<i>Coffee</i>
Sept 3rd	John Rickman Trevor Eastes	<i>Ann Fawthrop</i>
Sept 10th	<i>No service at St. Oswald's</i>	
Sept 17th	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	<i>Shirley Hill</i>
Sept 24th	June Maddison Bob Allen	<i>Kay Adkins</i>
Oct 1st	John Rickman Trevor Eastes	<i>Rosalind de Wesselow Helen Bunfield</i>

## Harvest Festival

The produce from the Harvest Festival will be donated to the Windermere Food Bank. A typical food parcel includes Breakfast cereals, UHT Milk, Soup, Pasta, Rice, Pasta sauce, Tinned beans, Tinned meat, Tinned Fish, Tinned vegetables, Tinned fruit, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Biscuits, Snacks, Toiletries etc. Thankyou for your help.

*Sonia Rickman Churchwarden*

## **Music at Grasmere 2017**

On **Saturday 30th September** at **7.30 p.m.** there will be a concert in St.Oswald's Church given by the Pro Nobis Singers of Kendal under their musical Director Clive Walkley.

Founded in 1969, the Pro Nobis Singers have developed an enviable reputation for their performances of mainly a cappella choral works of many styles and periods .Their programme will include music from Scandinavia and the Baltic states as well as some more familiar material by British composers. Admission to the concert will be by programme at the door, price £8 inclusive of a glass of wine or fruit juice.

*Ian Hare, Director of Music*

## **Silver Sunday Afternoon Tea**

The Rotary Club of Ambleside Kirkstone is again hosting a free Silver Sunday afternoon tea for older people who live alone. It's an opportunity to enjoy a free afternoon tea in good company with some entertainment.

**8th October 2.30 to 4.00pm at the Kelsick Centre, Ambleside.**

Everyone who came last year will be invited, others please contact Ambleside Rotary to book a place.

*Margaret Burford*

Oops! A memory of wartime life in the Rectory

In last magazine I must apologise for once misnaming Mr Robertson who as a child spent some time in the Rectory during the Second World War. Hilary Cooper worked in Mr Robertson's school and she still works in Education today. She is the author of many books of Education and lives in the village!! I do hope Hilary will enjoy the Grasmere History society one day! Thank you for leading us to such an interesting article and putting me in touch with such a charming gentleman.

*K.A.*

## **Citizens Advice**

### **Have you had problems with on-line parcel delivery?**

Citizens Advice research has found that two in three online shoppers have had parcels delivered late, damaged, left in non-secure places like rubbish bins, or 'failed' -where they wait in, only to receive a note saying they were out. Most people don't complain, or find that the sender says it's not their fault.

The retailer is responsible for getting orders delivered to you, not the parcel company. Contact the sender if an item hasn't arrived by the date agreed or within 30 days. You can cancel the order and get a refund for the goods and basic (not premium) delivery costs.

If a parcel is damaged, contact the retailer and they should either offer to send you a new item or refund you.

If someone was waiting at home for the parcel, but a note said it couldn't be delivered, you can cancel the order and get a refund if it's been less than 14 days since you bought it – or just arrange another delivery time. Although legally you're not entitled to compensation, it's worth complaining to the delivery firm and retailer.

If you get a note saying your parcel has been left in a certain location but it isn't there, the retailer should replace it or give you your money back. If you receive the item but aren't happy with where it was left, complain to both the retailer and delivery firm, though there is no legal right to compensation.

***Free, confidential advice and help is available from South Lakes Citizens Advice Bureau on debt, consumer, benefits, housing, employment and many other problems. We have outlets across South Lakeland and can also give advice over the phone – telephone 03444 111444 for help - please note new number for new enquiries.***



# WHO TO CONTACT

## St Oswald's Parish Church

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Secretary: Vacancy

Treasurer: Mr John Rickman

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## Other church contacts

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### **Roman Catholic Priest:**

Father Kevan Dorgan, Our Lady's Church, Lake Road, Windermere,  
LA23 2EQ. Tel: 015394 43402

***Mass 9. 30am every Sunday at Mater Amabilis, Ambleside***

### **Quaker - Friend In Residence:**

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### **URC Minister:**

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## Home Visiting and Communions

For requests for visits to residents in short or long term need please  
telephone 015394 35326

Please contact the appropriate Church and member of the clergy or  
minister in case of need and at times of sickness for Home  
Communion. Any of the churches would be happy to pray for any  
individual, please simply let any of us know the name of the person to  
be prayed for and that they are agreeable to being prayed for in public.

## The Tinker

Who leads a happy life  
If it's not the merry Tinker?  
Not too old to have a Wife;  
Not too much a thinker.  
Through the meadows, over stiles,  
Where there are no measured miles,  
Day by day he finds his way  
Among the lonely houses:  
Right before the Farmer's door  
Down he sits; his brows he knits;  
Then his hammer he rouzes;  
Batter! batter! batter!  
He begins to clatter;  
And while the work is going on  
Right good ale he bowses;  
And, when it is done, away he is gone;  
And, in his scarlet coat,  
With a merry note,  
He sings the sun to bed;  
And, without making a pother,  
Finds some place or other  
For his own careless head.

*William Wordsworth April 1802*